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MEMORANDUM FOR ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, OPERATIONS:

Subject: Distribution of Captured German Documents

1. Attached memorandum from Intelligence Division, WDGS, subject as above is furnished for your information and comment or concurrence.
2. It is hoped that it will be acceptable to you. It was the best we could get out of them without making an issue requiring a settlement at top level, which is believed inadvisable at this time.
3. It is believed that if they live up to their stated plan of procedure, we shall gain more than we lose. The proposed preliminary segregation, translated synopses and speedy transmission of documents of unusual military intelligence interest will save CIG considerable time, even though G-2 reserves the privilege of having first crack at such documents. Suggest we give this procedure a fair trial.

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Incl:
 Cpy. Memo sa. subj.,
 dtd 23 May '47 fr. Ennis,
 G-2, to DCI

Captain, U. S. N.
 Acting Chief, ICAPS

To: Chief, ICAPS 1st Ind.

From: Assistant Director for Operations

9 June 1947

1. This office is willing to give this system a trial as suggested above.
2. However and for the record within CIG, we object to the WD's position because:

Army review(s)
 completed.

a. It is hard to conceive of any captured documents having "immediate operational interest."

b. If this system were adopted by other member agencies,

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our Documents Branch would deal only in stuff of minor interest and our common service would be of limited value.

- c. ID, WDGS entered into an agreement with CIG and by unilateral secretive action arranged to "have their cake and eat it too" -- or at least the frosting! We discovered this action to their surprise and embarrassment. We at least should make it a matter of record in case we need it as ammunition in the future.



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